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SECURITY INFORMATION

German Democratic Republic

In 1949 or 1950 the DAMW (German Office for Inspection of Materials and Goods - Das Deutsche Amt fuer Material- und Warenpruefung) was founded with Dipl. Eng. fru Rusffle as head.

The Main Administrations of DMK were changed into ministries and at the same time the State Planning Commission was founded to which the DAMW and the Central Office for Research and Technology were subordinate. In mid-1951 a Department for Standardization and Quality Control (director fru Goepel) was attached to the latter office.

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Early in 1952, Walter Petersmann, an engineer at VVB-EKM (People-Owned Enterprises for Power Machinery and Motors), issued an elaborate plan for standardization in the GDR. The heart of the plan, which was published in Nos. 4, 5, 7, and 8 of "Die Wirtschaft", 25 January 1952 ff, is a Main Norm Commission headed by a presidium. Petersmann's intention was to work with the DNA (German Norm Committee) towards establishing all-German norms. However, there is danger that the SED (Socialist Unity Party), since its sole interest lies in furthering its political position, may attempt to use the Petersmann plan to set up an independent GDR norm system. When the Central Office for Research and Technology, at a meeting with the State Planning Commission, decided against the Petersmann plan, its head, Prof. Lange, was attacked in the SED press and was obliged to recant (No. 34 of "Die Wirtschaft", 22 August 1952). Lange now advocates independent GDR norms. Lange has seen to it that the department for Standardization and Quality Control is no longer under the control of his office, but is now under State Secretary fru Kerber of the State Planning Commission. Recently, a new man, fru Zierowski, joined the department; since he is not a technician it is assumed he is there as a political observer.

The KdT (Chamber of Technology) has, at various times since 1946, attempted to get some control over standardization and technical and industrial matters, but has been unsuccessful. The KdT once founded a Technical-Industrial Commission, but this Commission never had any real importance and has dropped from sight.

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